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MUSKEGON HERE WE COME!

The class of 2000 (the 8th graders) will be going to Michigan Adventure on June 4 for their class trip.

They will be leaving at 8 o'clock and returning at 6 p.m. The cost is $8.00 and it covers both the water park and the amusement park.

There is no specific bathing suit rule except no cut-off jeans. However, students are advised to be sensible when chossing their suits. The major rule of the day is to be with at least one person from the class at all times.

For the trip, 8th graders should bring sunscreen, underclothes (in case they wear their suits under their clothes on the way up), towel, lunch or food money, sunglasses and wisely-chosen footwear. (Sandals are fine in the waterpark; tough going on wild rides.)

Have fun and don't get sick! P.S. Have YOU turned in your permission slip and money today? Hate to have you miss the trip!

sarah and sam

CHOIR CONCERT MAY 16th

The all-middle school concert was great. The combo choir did "Early One Morning", "Sunrise. Sunset", and "My Guy." 8th sang "Somewhere out There" and "A Patriotic Festival" among others. &th grade sang "Just one Person" which featured Sitara Ludwig and Mickey Mouse CLub," a song for which they all wore Mickey ears.

High schoolers sang "Colors of the Wind" and "He hasn't Failed me Yet." among others.

The whole combined choirs did "We are the Future of Tomorrow." It was great!

l. anderson and p. reidt

IOWA BASICS TAKEN by 8th Graders this past month. Results will not be available until the end of the school year

6TH GRADERS HELD a year-end band concert last night.

CADET BAND CONCERT May 22

7th and 8th graders performed a concert last week in the middle school auditorium .

They played " Heart and Soul", "Bandology" and "Jefferson County Overture." They also played "Midnight Rock", "Navy Hymn" and "Jazz Ramble."

j. fuhrmann and a. decou

THE ANNUAL: AN ANNUAL SUCCESS STORY... MAY 18.

The decorations were extravagant and lavish. The food was more than enough for everyone and great pizza at that and the 8th graders were all dressed in their best. A wonderful night for all.

Many thank-yous go to the parents who worked so hard on the decorations and the food, especially thanks to Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Kern who put in countless hours. Thanks from the class of 2000.

Only five more days....but who's counting? WE ARE!

DEAR RUPERT (or whatever),

I have an attention problem. I see everything as a fluke. I'll be reading a book and all of a sudden, the earth will shake, the lights will go off, and sirens blare. This will interrupt my reading. Most students in my class have the same problem. Sometimes too I'll be asleep in my bed when my dog will jump upand down on me repeatedly. This too interrupts my attentiveness. I'll wake up. Does this mean I am an insomniac? Do I have a problem requiring professional help?

Fred Glintstone

DEAR FRED,

I think you are perfectly normal. I have noticed similar responses from students trying to pay attention in class while the Michigan Avenue Road Rippers were at work this month. The constant backing up noises of the heavy equipment darn near drove us all into professional counseling.

P.S. Have you considered having the dog sleep in the garage?

REPLIES TO THE COLUMN LAST TIME ON 6TH GRADERS at DANCES. Brandy Hughes suggested it was unfair not to include them...Here are a couple viewpoints.

8th graders Paula Hopson and Anne DeCou commented : "You guys (meaning the 6th grade) have just as many activities as 7th and 8th graders. ..You guys go rollersakting. 7th and 8th graders would like to go rollerskating. You're lucky so don't complain."

Candice Cole believes that "6th graders should not be able to come to the dances... just 7th and 8th graders. Just think about it. When you're in 7th and 8th grade, do you want a bunch of 6th graders running around?"

Ashley Lee, another 6th grader, disagrees.. Says she," 6th graders should be allowed to go to dances just as 7th and 8th graders go to activity night. I think that ... they should put the dances and the activities together so that if you get bored with one, you can go to the other. For instance, you should put the acitivity outside and put the dance in the gyn. Then you could make it longer and people could do whatever thay wanted. Put the snack bar in the hall and have another part of the dance set up in the cafeteria for people who like a different type of music so they can go to the dance and enjoy themselves too."

.WHAT DO YOU THINK? WRITE US NEXT FALL WITH IDEAS.

Rising Early

by j. o'keefe

If you don't get up early
As many people do
You'll miss a special beauty
That is waiting for you.
There's a colorful sunrise
And the birds will sing
The world is peaceful when nothing has gone wrong
In that peace and quiet
It would be nice to stay

To avoid all the troubles
That fill every day

LIFE
Time
to enjoy each day the little
treasures each day holds
Quiet
to be able to hear the
sounds of your inner self
Laughter
to help survive
life's heartaches
and disappointments
Calm
to free you from problems
and stress.
Dreams
to keep you going on
And Friends
to bring joy
to make you smile
to be there for you wherever
you go.
by j. o'keefe

CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN FOR FALL

Class of 2000 members were selected to be part of the cheerleading teams next fall at the high school. Tracy Miller will be cheering with the varsity cheerleaders. Steve Hamilton, Veronica DeGroff, Cindy Coulson and Bianca Cross will be on the junior varsity squad.

AN ANNUAL TRADITION

the 8th grade section... with advice, regrets and what they will leave to all those remaining here at PPMS. ALL were asked "What will you miss most about the Middle School?

Jack Conway replied, " the great wealth I have achieved because of the large quano deposits. Those bats can really lay it down."
Marshall Bailly will miss " the hand dryer that doesn't work." while Chris PEshl will miss" the gourmet lunches." Charlie Peak will miss" being the biggest or nothing." Scott Pedersen agrees with him and dreads being "the bottom of the ladder."
Andrew Alexander will miss" All the great teachers, especially Mrs. Dobbs." Angelo Rotunno will miss " lunch with MRs. Martin, Mrs. Firestone and MRs. Merriam because they have been good to me...unlike some other people."

Anthony Edwards will miss" the librarian Mrs. Nufer and Mrs. Swanson." Kristen will miss "the graffitti in the bathroom." Angie Ferrari will miss "Mr. Topp." Mark Houghton will miss" the heating pipe noises, the humor of my teachers, the recess aides, the ever-so-big lockers, the old rooms , the creaky floors and yes Mrs. Schlarman and the Bag o Bagels."

Paul Rohr will miss" being the top dog (Gee Paul we thought that was Sybil) and the teachers. I feel like I did right before I came to middle school." Angela Creameans will miss "definitely the new fence... the newest thing we got here in three years." Bob Twardowski will miss "Teasing Mr. Watterworth, Mr. Edinger and Mr. Snyder. Other than that...."

Jeff Stull will also miss "Mr. Watterworth... and Mr. Wilson and

Mr. Topp because of all the Red Wings, Pistons and Tiger Talks." Laura Anderson will miss " the library . I love the Nancy Drews!" Tom Weaver will miss "Mrs. Swanson's class." Tracy Miller will miss " the teachers the most, especially Mrs. Swanson and Mr. Snyder." Justin Bass will miss" the fear of having a brick fall on my head."

WHAT WE WILL MISS

Joe Burke will miss" Mr. Edinger's jokes and history tidbits." Julie Fuhrmann will miss" some of the teachers, friends in the lower grades and being the top grade." Nicole Summerville will miss" My best friend Damar Huff." Nicole Stubbs will miss" The Mock Rock, the activity night , the dances and some of the teachers."

Mark ARgo will miss Nothing much except some of the teachers are cool ...Mr. Topp or Mrs. S."Melissa Kovach will miss" the nice teachers." Jessica Bennett agrees. She will miss" Mrs. Beyer, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kalisiak and Mr. Topp."

Charity Van'tzelfde will miss" the people who really made it fun for me like some of the teachers." Brian Bruning too will miss " the teachers and the fun days." Charlie Melichar will miss the teachers too.

Alison Surdy will miss" the easy homework and friendly teachers." Elaine Bussema will miss" going to the library with my friends and lunch ...and all the teachers." Brandon L:epley will miss "Mrs. Merriam." Angelina Holt will miss " my favorites: Mr. Topp, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Beyer. Also I'll miss Corey Wallace and picking on him."

Dawn Rice will miss" having a two-story school." Matt Goretzka and Casey Kern will miss " Mrs. Swanson's 6th and 7th hour class." Chris Boyce will miss" the open-mindedness. Teachers who don't annoy you about your free energy-earht's magnetic grid theories." Paula Hopson will miss" Mr. Topp trying to 'annoy' me, Mr. Edinger always giving homework and extra credit , Mrs. Swanson hardly giving any homework, and Mr. Zolp wanting to know where my homework is!"

Sam Allen will miss" the aroma of lunch down by Mrs. Dobbs room. It has such a' pleasant' fragrance." J. B Thorstensen will miss" the creaky floors." Jason Wilhelmi will miss " the cool teachers like Mr. Ruesink, Mr. Martin , Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Swanson." Eric Ridderbos will miss " Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Beyer and Mrs. Kalisiak."

Laura Sutherland will miss" Mrs. Beyer's nice and caring personality and Mr. Topp's goof ball personality... and Mrs. Dobbs' thrilling discussions of the wonderful world of algebra.!" .Michelle Rains will miss" Mr. Topp. the greatest D.S. teacher ... so try to see if you can get him." Rich Meyer will miss" Mr. Snyder and MR. Topp." Jeff Shinabarger will miss " the bricks falling and the fence."

ADVICE FOR 6TH and 7TH GRADERS.. FREELY GIVEN...read on!

Amy Lee says,"8th grade is harder than you think." Courtney Dunn says, "Keep our school the way it is and the way it always will be." Steve STarr says," Have fun the best way they can." Jenny Tenant suggests "Get MR. Snyder for science in 7th grade." Amanda Shipley warns " "Watch out for Mr. Edinger's jokes." BRandon Conklin says, "Expect the unexpected. Always have assignments done." Eric Grehl says," Learn all you can. It will help you next year." Mike Burchard says," If you are in trouble with Mrs. Schlarman, don't lie to her."

Jessica Lownsberry says," work with your brain and not with your mouth cause the test isn't over yet." Jim Hagg warns," Run... run fast and hard." Chez Marsh says,"Math just gets harder every year." Sara Hall advises," Mind your teachers especially subs." Heather Sumner suggests," Study hard and remember everything!"

Anne DeCou says," Do all homework,. stay out of trouble so you can go to the annual and the trip." Nick Oliva says,"Have courage and if you want something, go for it!" Rich Meyers says,"Bring your own lunches any time you can."Crystin CRowder warns," Don't make Mr. Cassell nervous and always laugh at Mr. Edinger's and Mr. Erickson's jokes."

Mike Heuser suggests"If you are in Mrs. Swanson's class, don't read an R.L. Stine for a book report." BRandon Lepley suggests," BRing headphones for Mr. Edinger;s class, be prepared to laugh in Mr. Erickson's class and bring food for Mrs. Swanson if it's right before lunch... she gets edgy close to lunch!" T. J Gould says," Don't stop to smell the roses... there aren't any anyhow."

Joe Burke asks a favor." If anyone has Mr. Edinger, write down his jokes and get them to me." Nellie Kuntz says, "Be on the newspaper staff and in 8th grade try to contribute to a lot of stuff since this is your last year in the middles school."

Laura Anderson says," Don't try the cafeteria food. No seriously, avoid cliques. They are a bad thing They exclude people and some cliques' sole purpose is to put people down." Jeff Stull requests "Tease my little brother. Bryan. He needs it. Be thankful if you get Mr. Snyder." Paul Rohr says,"Don't mess up McDonlad's and don't take any straws." MArk Myers suggests,"Work like mad and keep going." Scott PEdersen says," Bring food to school. Don't eat the food here."

Jack Conway suggests," Stay away from the salad bar. Good luck with Sybil." Stacie Kennedy says,"Take 8th grade seriously or you may fail. Amber Sherrai says," Don't forget to to tip the lunch lady. Never say"man " to Mr. Edinger." Jim Reynolds says," Be your self and have fun... if you

have some time. try to do some homework." Lindsay Mendenhall advises "Work hard even if you think you don't have to. Learn all the education that's given to you." Ryan Blackburn says," Stay out of trouble and get the best grades you can. Try to make friends with the teachers, not enemies."

Vivian Cummins says," Mrs. Martin is really cool when she is in the library... and you're the only one there. She'll talk to you." Jen Sikora says," (laugh) Watch for falling bricks. Seriously, be good , do homework and nver cross your teachers cause they'll get you in the end." Angela Peat warns,"Don't spread rumors." Jenna WRight says too " "Don't believe everything everybody says." Jamie O'Keefe sums up the advice by saying" Enjoy 8th grade it's the last year of middle school for you."

SO WHAT WILL THEY LEAVE TO WHOM AND WHY in their last wills and testaments?..READ ON Charlie Peak leaves" Mr. Erickson for D.S. He rules...you get to watch tv on Fridays." Chris Peshl leaves "my basketball skills to Ben Smith and my comb to Juan Seidel...my hurdling skills to Paul Tessar."

Cindy Coulson leaves" the gum stuck under my lunch table to my little brother Randy." Jennifer Jasinsky leaves " my locker 498 to Paul TEssar, Juan Seidel and Ben Smith. They can share it." Paul Farber leaves" my bball talent to the 7th grade. They can use it. Dirk Terpstra I leave some music of mine." Apparently Matt Mitchell also feels the 7th graders need help with their bball game. He leaves his talent to Paul Tessar too while Josh Peter leaves his uniform to Ben Smith.

Jim Houston leaves his bug collection to Tom Watts. Lucas HArling leaves his locker to anyone who is worthy of such an honor. Tom Coles leaves his wrestling uniform (the singlet) to Nate McKenzie and my locker to him too." Rachel Roberts leaves "my locker 419 .. good luck trying to get it open." Matt Richmond, on the other hand, leaves his locker to " the dump." Katie Abshagen leaves "my geometry book to Joy Shinabarger so she can have a good book in Mrs. Dobbs' class next year."

Angela Peat leaves " my annual posters to MRs. Beyer and all my arts and crafts to Mrs, Reisterer. Last but not least my goldfish (Pete and Freckle) to Mr. Snyder... I hope he won't disect them." Jen Sikora leaves " to the next members of the school store staff... all our garbage so you can find a place to throw it all away... and the challenge to run the place better than we did... cause we did so good.. it's almost impossible."

Ben Van Sickle leaves " to Steve Gehl a shiney quarter to see if he will spend it all in one place." Jeff Stull leaves "my basketball skills to my cousin Clay." Laura Anderson leaves "my locker to my sis..Katie Anderson... she needs some space for her books in 7th grade." Crystin Crowder leaves " my broken pencils and locker to

Miranda Crowder... she can share the pencils with her friends."

Chez Marsh leaves " my locker to Kasey Cooper or Guy"Miffy" Hamilton." Daron Hawley leaves " my locker to Amanda Butler to show her what it's like to have a little bitty locker." Amanda Shipley figures "Ambra Homan "will want her locker. Amy Lee leaves "Mrs. Beyer a copy of my poems so she can remember me."

Michelle Rains leaves "Phil Sang my locker because his is so small and a new sign made by me to Mr. Topp." Laura Sutherland leaves " Ben Smith, Juan and Paul T. my locker...and to Casey Jasinsky, J.J.'s and my middle school partying ability." Jason Wilhelmi reminds teachers" Remember me if there is no one who will behave!"

Brandon Hewitt leaves " my lcoker to Michelle Carter cause it's cool and cause it was mine and cause she's pretty cool." Sam Allen leaves "A can of Spam to Juan S. and the gum leftover from my gum collection to whoever gets locker 406." Amy Ten BRink leaves "my pencils to Mrs. Brown because she never has any."

Angelina Holt leaves " my crummy locker to my little brother and all my basketball skills to Jon Ayres because he could use them...just joking.. I'll miss picking on you, Jon." Steve Hamilton says,"For my first will and testament I leave all my favortie teachers to all the good students." Alison Surdy leaves " Mrs. Swanson my poetry collection, Mr. Zolp my algebra book and calculator and Mrs. Brown, my social studies book."

Brian Bruning leaves" my pencils and pens to Allen and all other possessions to Fred." Nicole Stubbs leaves" Bethany Meyeurs student council president." Nicole Summerville leaves "$39.80 yo my best bud Trey." Julie Fuhrmann leaves my locker to my little sister Mary Beth and to the 7th graders Mr. Edinger's jokes."

Justin Bass leaves "my stuff to Josh Myers because I think he's not that organized." Angela Creameans leaves " a list of things you gotta get...a megaphone for MRs. BRown..she always has asore throat, a pair of heel lifts for Mrs. Swanson (you can't see her when she stands.), a screwdriver for Mr. Erickson so he can fix his chairs, a pair of earplugs for Mr. Edinger's music and last but not least a hair ribbon for Mrs . Dobbs."

Mark Houghton leaves" the funny teachers. I put the fun in them. ...my art work to Mrs. Swanson and my locker 495 and number 8 in the gym and hall. Word of advice when washibng boards after school in detention don't write on the board in water. Also, I leave Mrs. Dobbs and MRs. Bolton, the best math teachers ever assigned to me." Anthony Edwards leaves "Mrs. Greensley because she is too nice to us. Call her Buffy." Andrew Alexander leaves to Mrs. Swanson "One more year of fun."

STOP THE POLLUTION by a. lee

Stop polluting Maple Lake. People don't live there because pollution is cool. The village just dredged the lake two years ago and now they're dredging it again. If you are on a picnic, take five seconds of your precious time to throw your garbage exactly where it belongs...in a a trash can.

Don't let laziness pollute our lake. People throw bread to the ducks and the bread goes right to the bottom of the lake... ducks eat it and get Crooked Neck Disease ..and die. What about those Subway wrappers? How many people are guilty of throwing those into the lake? You're killing animals .

Next time someone says how nasty Maple Lake is, don't forget why it is that way... the people who live there want to live on a clean lake. Why should they need to build a pool when they live on a lake? Help keep Maple Lake swimmable.

NEWS STAFF THIS ISSUE

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Join us again in fall...room 203.

WHAT THE STAFF THOUGHT ABOUT THE 8th GRADERS?

We had reporters all over the building asking this question....8th graders' natural paranoia makes them assume they know the answers. Here's what we found out.(compiled by Amanda Shipley, Vivian Cummins, Bianca Cross, Paula Hopson, Lindsay Mendenhall and Anne LaPine.)

Mr. Erickson said," Nice kids overall but some not mature enough...to be 8th graders." For some reason Mrs. MArtin thinks we're on the wild side. Mr. Barnhouse felt that we made a lot of growth from the beginning of the year to now. "I have many memories of this year," he says.

Mrs. Baltmanis is concerned that some "are not ready for high school. There are some who need to take more responsibility for their actions." Miss Gronda agrees with her. "There needs to be more respect for one another."

Mrs. SChlarman called us " an

energetic group of young people." Mrs. Bolton called us " fun-loving." Mrs. Markovich called the class," A challenge." Mrs. Brown said it for many when she said," Eighth graders are eighth graders. They are the same way every year."

Glad to see us go? was one of the questions we asked... Mr. Cassell says," It means I am a year older." Mrs. Kalisiak said,"Always.. because it's exciting to go to high school." Mrs. Beyer says,"What will I do without Jeff Stull and J.B.? Who will keep them from fighting with each other?"

Were any of us your favorites? OR least favorites? Most teachers said ...of course.. Most were reluctant to tell us who was in what category! Mrs. Schlarman said she'd be glad to see Anne take that burp with her to high school. Mrs. Greensley said," there were many I really liked... someone who everyday would always make me laugh." Mrs. Marko said," I'll miss Zach, Sara, Brandi, Mrs. D's 4th hour, Mrs.Swanson's 6th hour.. and many more." Mr. Ruesink said,"Ill cry because Bianca is leaving."

Wishes for our future and success were as follows:
Mr. Edinger says "If you become rich and famous remember your history teacher." Mrs. Kolon would like us to come back and talk to us about what helped them most in middle school. Mr. Lutz wonders who will replace Mark and his merry band. Mrs. Reisterer said," Be your best and don't be afraid to be smart and successful."

Mrs. Reinsch wishes us "growth and happiness in the high school." Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. A. Smith expressed mixed emotions ...happy to see them accomplish goals... miss the ones who say hi every day (and forage through their bags every other hour!).

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Wilson claim they too will cry when we leave...Hmm. Mr. Watterworth and MRs. Dobbs wish us success and says," I have enjoyed you this year,."

Mrs. Nufer will miss our "smiling faces and wish you all the success at h.s." Mr.Cassell says,"Better them than me(leaving)"

Mrs. Kalisiak urges us to "use our life skills." Mrs. Archambault will "miss hearing from them about their success." Mr. Zolp wonders that whatever we have done the last three years... will be beneficial .. to help and not hurt."Mr. Topp says," It feels good to know that we here at the middle school hve helped another 8th grade class move to the high school to continue the educational process."

Mrs.Mahanty says,"It's fun to see them over there."(at the h.s.) Mr. Aubry is happy for us and Mrs. Hughes wishes us luck as do the lunch ladies. Mrs. Swanson wishes us luck and a word processor!

FIFTH GRADERS THINK ABOUT FALL AND WHAT MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BE LIKE... not too different from thinking about going off to high school. Here are excerpts from the best six essays they wrote. (and thank you's to Mrs. Palmer,

Mrs. Palasinski, Mrs. Vall, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Chludzlinski.)

In Mrs. Palasinski's class, Matt Billheimer wrote: " Middle School will be fun because of math. I like math because it's a good subject . It's challenging and it's hard. I'm good at math . It's my favorite subject. I am also looking forward to going to gym every day instead of just twice a week, but I'm not looking forward to showers."

Julie Abnet in Mrs. C.'s class wrote:" Middle School will be fun because we will have seven classes and specials every day. The good thing about 6th grade will be that we will have locekrs and we won't have to drag our binder home. The way I'm going to remember my locker number is to write it on my hand. We will have dances and sports teams. We won't have to wait to be called. We can go outside when we're done instead of having to raise our hand."

From Mrs. Palmer's class comes the following by Shane Kline. "Middle School will be hard because we will be moving up in a higher grade. It will be fun too because we get out earlier. We will be able to do more things because we will be older. The Middle SChool will be different at first because everybody will be older than we are."

Ramsey Beyer in Mrs. Vall's class wrote:" Middle school will be different because we will be in the lowest grades with different teachers, students and principal. It might be scary because I might get lost or my locker might get jammed. It will also be different because we will have seven different teachers. The halls will be crowded with a ton of kids rushing to their classes.

I am looking forward to being in band and other activities or clubs like that. I think going to the middle school will be very fun."

Mrs. Abbott's student Tom Rife wrote: " I think Middle SChool will be fun and challenging. If you don't like one of your teachers, you have , I think, five others in sixth grade. I think it will be challenging because I'm moving into a whole new grade and school. It will also be challenging because my brother when he was in sixth grade brough home a lot of homework. I think it will be better too because the lunch here (I hate to say it but..) it really tastes bad and my brother said the food in the middle school is a lot better."

From Miss Bennett's class comes the following by Wendy Owens:" Middle school will be exciting. You get about six different classes and a locker. You get band too. It will be fun for everyone . I can't wait to go to sixth grade because it will be very exciting. I hope it will be the same way I picture it. If sixth grade is fun, the work will be fun too."

POLL ABOUT THE DANCES
by natalie and bethany

The final result of the poll that was taken about dances was that most people liked them and would like them to be a bit longer.

POLL continued... dances

As far as the music goes, most people want more slow songs. We also got a bunch of new ideas for other activities for next year and we will see if we can't persuade student council to consider them.

We'd also like to say that when we hand out polls, whether the teacher gives them to you or not, they are meant to be taken seriously. If you aren't willing to treat them seriously, do not take the poll.

FAREWELL OLD PPMS
by jack conway

Most of us have spent our three years in this magnificent castle. We have grown physically, emotionally, socially and some of us have even grown mentally. We, as seedlings, were planted here in sixth grade, sprouted in seventh, and wilted or blossomed in the eighth. We've laughed together, cried together, and simplified equations to gether. When one of us forgot our homework, others were by our side, comforting and giving sympathy (if not answers.)

I remember my first day coming into Mr. Hone's room, as confused as can be. I thought I'd never make it. And now, three years and eighteen marking periods (and umpteen exams) later, I see now victory. The trophy of survival stands now in our way... given to us by this dilapidated and its inhabitants.

What is there not to miss? The bat colony, the radioactive microbe- filled basement, the therapy dog.. a a veritable zoo. The teachers -eager to teach and improve our minds- the office staff assisted those of us who forgot our locker combinations...again and again. And who won't miss the beautiful llunch room? Those spots of insulation really add a hominess to the eating area.

Getting used to the high school will be a job, but using the skills we've developed here, we should do fine. It's time to say farewell to the building and its pile of bricks. (at least for most of us in the class) It is with a heavy heart that I must say good-bye on behalf of the Class of 2000. Good-bye , farewell, good luck (what? no auf wiedersehen, Jack?) and may you enjoy the time (the brief three years) that you spend at the Paw Paw Middle School.

Alas... pity the youngest ones who won't even have the privilege of coming here.

A SCHOOL WE SHALL MISS by mark houghton

A school we shall all miss but yet we shall not kiss
A school where you could be a fool and even be cool
A school that has a broken stool in a classroom in a cool school
We shall miss a school called Paw Paw Middle School
Where everyone is cool.

BURNING QUESTIONS..

Why do they put Braille dots on the drive-up ATM?
If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress opposite of Progress?
Why are there interstates inHawaii?